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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 10/069,8366	:	
PCT No.: PCT/US00/20017	:	
Int. Filing Date: 20 July 2000	:	COMMUNICATION
Priority Date: 20 July 2000	:	
Atty. Docket No.: 344-P-30-USA	:	
For: Improved Diagnostic Method For	:	
Detecting Dysplastic Epithelial Tis..	:	

This is in response to the declaration and filed on 10 May 2002.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 20 July 2000, and did not claim an earlier priority date. No Demand electing the United States was filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Accordingly, the 20 month time period to file the basic national fee in the U.S. expired as of midnight on 20 March 2002.

On 26 February 2002, applicants filed *inter alia* a Transmittal Letter and fee calculation sheet, which showed a fee amount due of \$585.00, made up of a basic national fee of \$520.00 and a \$65.00 surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e). No payment appears to have accompanied this Transmittal Letter.

On 08 May 2002, a Notice of Insufficient Basic National Fee (Form PCT/DO/EO/904) was mailed to applicant, indicating that the appropriate large entity basic national fee amount due was \$740.00, under 37 CFR 1.492(a)(2). The application subsequently became abandoned with respect to the United States for failure to timely pay the required basic national fee.

On 10 May 2002, applicant filed a Transmittal Letter accompanied by the instant Declaration of the inventor and a check for \$585.00.

On 27 June 2002, applicant filed the instant Transmittal Letter and papers pertaining to the payment of "Balance of Basic National Fee \$155.00."

DISCUSSION

Review of the record reveals that this international application became abandoned with respect to the United States as of midnight on 20 March 2002 for failure to timely pay the entire required basic national fee.

Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to revive this international application with respect to the United States, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b).

Review of the declaration filed on 10 May 2002 reveals that it is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). However, since it was filed later than the expiration of 20 months from the priority date, a surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e) should accompany any petition filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137.

CONCLUSION

This international application is **ABANDONED** with respect to the United States.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, DC 20231, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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